

## **Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association**

### **March 15, 2017**

Linda Nixon, chairperson, called the joint meeting of the Southglenn Civic Assoc. and the Southwind Civic Assoc. to order at 7:10. Southglenn board members present were Linda Nixon, chair; Dora Cash, secretary; Dale Rottschafer, treasurer; Dorothy Mauro and Harriet Lorence. Present as well, were Southglenn residents, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Pat Benhmida.

**Garage Sale:** The first order of business was our joint Garage Sale which will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Steller Realty is again sponsoring the garage sale. A few details on signs still remain to be worked out.

**Dumpster Day:** Both Waste Management and Pro-Disposal which was recently sold expressed interest in providing garbage trucks for our joint Dumpster Day. June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup> are possible dates since June 17<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day weekend. We are leaning toward the 10<sup>th</sup> which would be the weekend after the garage sale. Mary RaPue, president of Southwind Civic Assoc. brought up the possibility of SEMSWA providing hazardous waste disposal in conjunction with Waste Management. There would, of course, be some kind of charge for hazardous waste disposal. Curbside pickup runs \$20. We would have to see what they would charge for pickup at Dumpster Day. We would like to have Dumpster Day at Mark Hopkins because traffic flow is much easier to manage at Hopkins. Southwind will check about the availability of Hopkins since the school will be undergoing renovations this summer. At this point Southwind went on with its own meeting.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** The Southglenn Civic Assoc. Easter Egg Hunt will once again be in Clarkson Park. The date is Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will fill our plastic eggs with candy, and volunteers will scatter eggs before the hunt. There will also be games and contests after the hunt. Linda needs volunteers to help with this event. The Easter Bunny is ready to go, and Corner Bakery is providing lemonade and cookies to participants. Many thanks to Corner Bakery for their generous donation.

**Storage Unit:** The next item of discussion was whether the board could afford a \$50 to \$100 fee to rent a storage space for the Civic Association's materials. It was agreed that this was too expensive. We will ask in the next newsletter if there is anyone in Southglenn who might be able to provide us storage space for the items we use for Civic Assoc. sponsored events.

**Civic Association Dues:** Dale brought to our attention that dues-paying members had declined significantly from last year when we provided a stamped, self-addressed envelope for dues. It was felt that there should be an article about dues and what they provide residents on the front page of our next newsletter. Pat Benhmida suggested that we set up a Pay-Pal account which

would facilitate paying dues on-line as opposed to writing a check and mailing it in. Dale said she would get this set up so Southglenn residents would have this option for dues payment.

**Southglenn Website:** The discussion of the need to let the community know just what it is that the Civic Association does for the benefit of residents led to a discussion of a website for the Civic Association and how much it would cost to set it up and maintain it. This discussion facilitated by Pat B. made us realize that before we decide to set up a website and look for a web master to maintain it, we must decide exactly what our needs and expectations are for a website. This needs to be thoroughly discussed before moving forward.

**Meet and Greet Bags:** Board member Alia Andrews has been working on this service for new residents. Dorothy Mauro volunteered to get in touch with Alia and see what progress has been made in providing new residents with community information and what costs would be involved.

**New Business:** Work needs to be done on improving the appearance of the right of way along Dry Creek between Franklin and Clarkson. Dorothy Mauro has diligently worked on the issue of the right of way between Clarkson and Washington, and the city has been responsive.

**Southglenn Signs:** The Civic Assoc. has worked for years with the county and now the city to put up signs at the entrances to our community. We still have a lot of paper work to submit and permits that need to be obtained, but it appears we will have our Southglenn Community signs. The board is in agreement that we want our mountain logo on the signs and that we prefer they be stone rather than wood. The four signs will be at Dry Creek and Franklin, Dry Creek and Washington, Noble and Race, and High and Arapahoe.

**Other business:** Dale asked for the board's approval to sign a contract with our two face painters for Fun Fest. It was unanimously approved.

Linda thanked the Richardsons and Pat Benhmida for their contributions and insights during the meeting. It was truly appreciated. Linda adjourned the meeting at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary

## **Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association**

**May 17, 2017**

Linda Nixon, chair person, called the combined meeting of Southglenn and Southwind to order at 7:08. Members of the Southglenn Civic Association Board present were Linda Nixon, chair, Susi Elmer, vice-chair, Dora Cash, secretary, Dale Rottschafer, treasurer, and Harriet Lorence.

The first order of business was a presentation by our council person, Kathy Turley, who wanted to give us an update on revisions to city codes and ordinances and to introduce Stephanie Pico who is running for mayor of Centennial. Kathy told us there was a first reading in May followed by a second reading which will happen on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Items included in the code revisions are stockpiling of items such as bricks, plastic, combustible materials, old furniture, appliances, etc. Refuse containers need to be screened from public view. Junk and inoperable vehicles need to be removed whether due to mechanical defect or failure to be licensed. The number of vehicles on private property needs to be addressed. Code enforcement officers will have more authority than currently.

Kathy Turley then introduced Stephanie Pico whose focus on City Council has been the advancement of our fiber optic network. She is running for mayor of Centennial. Stephanie gave a brief presentation on her candidacy.

After our guests left, the first item of discussion was the upcoming Neighborhood Garage Sale sponsored by Steller on June 2nd . All seems to be going well. There will be maps available to locate the garage sales.

Dumpster Day will follow on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 12 at Mark Twain Elementary school. There will be 2 trucks provided by Pro Disposal. In addition, the gentleman who collects metal will be there. Dorothy and Dora will make sure signs for Dumpster Day are up the week before to remind residents.

Fun Fest is still a work in progress. So far, we have lined up our musicians, face painters, bouncy house, and some sponsors. We have 12 vendors on the list so far. We have yet to confirm car display and boy scouts with their go-karts. We

have 6 extra tables confirmed with South Suburban. Will that number be sufficient? We will discuss further in June as we get closer to Fun Fest.

We then split up for our separate board meetings. We immediately moved to the election of board members. Board members whose term expired in May who were re-elected were Dora Cash, Dale Rottschafer, and Alia Andrews. Pat Benhmida agreed to join the board to be in charge of our website communications in order to make all residents aware of just what the Civic Association does and to solicit input from the community as to what they would like from their Civic Association. They will join current board members Linda Nixon, Susi Elmer, Sue Seitz, Dorothy Mauro and Harriet Lorence.

Susi and Dale are working on our Internet web site and selecting a domain name.

With no further business, Linda adjourned the meeting at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary

## **Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association**

**July 19, 2017**

Linda Nixon called the joint meeting of the Southwind and Southglenn Civic Association to order at 7:08. Board members present were Linda Nixon, chair; Dale Rottschafer, treasurer; Dora Cash, secretary; and Pat Benhmida.

**Garage Sale:** Community residents suggested that having the garage sale in July or August might be better. There are so many other garage sales in June. In addition, it would give families more time to prepare for a garage sale after school is out for the summer. There was also a request for more maps to be available.

**Dumpster Day:** If the garage sale is moved to a later date, it will also necessitate having Dumpster Day later. We are also considering a reservation system possibly with the idea that it would help us determine if we need a third truck. We filled up two trucks by 10:30 this year so we need to find some way to accommodate all the individuals from our two communities who would like to avail themselves of Dumpster Day.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Bike and Dog Parade:** Southwind sponsored the parade. There were 115 participants with 65 children and a handful of dogs. 11 of the winners were from Southglenn and 1 from Southwind. We share expenses. Thank you to Southwind for all the work and effort to make the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade a success.

**Fun Fest, August 1<sup>st</sup>:** The balance of our joint meeting was spent reviewing items needed and our respective duties to make Fun Fest a success. Southwind is providing 8 foot folding tables, jugs of ice water, 10 x 10 tents, 3 grills, cakes for the cake walk, and most importantly 3 great grillers to grill the hamburgers and hot dogs. Southwind has contracted for a magician, Richard Nakata, to perform at 7:00. Bill Canterbury will provide coolers for the hamburgers and also water coolers. Southglenn will have two face painters and the bouncy castle for the children as well as having the South Suburban van which will have myriad activities for the younger set. The ever-popular cake walk will take place until we run out of cakes. The Arapahoe County K-9 unit will appear at some point during the evening. There will be various vendors to visit during Fun Fest, and everyone

can enjoy the band which will perform all evening long. Southglenn will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta courtesy of Noodles and Company, green salad, apple slices, chips, baked beans, and Corner Bakery will provide cookies. We will have lemonade and ice water to drink.

To make the evening run more smoothly, everyone will receive a ticket to turn in at the beginning of the food line as well as a ticket to put into the raffle bin which will be located by the music stand. There will be red tickets for Southglenn and blue tickets for Southwind. We will try to divide up lines alphabetically to make the lines move more quickly. Those who have not paid their Civic Assoc. dues will five dollars to have supper. We are hoping to have 75 cakes donated for the cake walk which will allow 25 cakes per hour. As far as the raffle goes, one must be present to win. If no one claims a prize in a reasonable time, another name will be drawn.

Volunteers will be asked to work only an hour shift and then can enjoy the balance of the evening. Before concluding our joint meeting, the time frames were read, and then those of us present signed up to work a shift at Fun Fest. Some members of the two boards will set up in the park between 11 and 2. Then we will return at 4 to make sure everything is ready to go. We will start to grill at 5 with the serving line opening at 5:30. Fun Fest will end at approximately 8:30 to allow enough time to break everything down and clean up before it is dark.

After Southwind left for their own meeting, we discussed the financial problems facing Southglenn Country Club. We will insert the letter from the club to the community in which they explain their current financial situation. We will encourage residents to reflect on what this means for Southglenn and hopefully receive feedback on what we as a community can do to help.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary

## **Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association**

**August 16, 2017**

Linda Nixon called the joint meeting of the Southglenn Civic Association and the Southwind Civic Association together at 7:07 p.m. Board members Linda Nixon, chair person, Dora Cash, secretary, Dale Rottschafer, treasurer, Pat Benhmida, co-editor of the newsletter, and Harriet Lorence were present. Pat B. reported that the sheriff was most impressed with our Joint National Night Out. Dale reported that we served over 800 folks from Southglenn and Southwind. The macaroni and cheese from Noodles was a huge hit. We probably need more. We also need more green salad. We should probably double the amount. The apples were a big hit as well. We need to investigate smaller packaging for the apples since they are so expensive. We spent \$3,366.68 so far. The raffle went very well, but we need to have people put their name on their ticket so we can reach them if necessary. There were 26 Southglenn winners and 17 Southwind winners. We need to move the grillers because of the smoke. We should have ice delivered with the jugs and lemonade. We need to make sure there is a spot on our map for our K9 unit. We need to make sure the music box for the cake walk has new batteries. We also need to split the cake walk into three segments so it can be available for everyone not just the early arrivals. All in all Fun Fest went more smoothly although there are items we need to improve such as the condiment table.

Garage Sale: We have decided to have the neighborhood garage sale in July to give people more time to prepare after school is out. The garage sale will be the week of July 13-14. Dumpster Day will follow July 21<sup>st</sup>. We need to make Dumpster Day work better for more residents. So, maybe in January we will introduce a plan for folks to RSVP for Dumpster Day.

The Southglenn Board then split off for their own meeting. July minutes were approved as read. Then, we moved to a discussion of the situation of the Southglenn Country Club. There was a meeting earlier in August open to Southglenn residents where people could brainstorm a variety of ideas to save the club. It has been suggested that one of the ways we might save the club is to

create our own special recreation district and tax ourselves in order to make the club viable. It would, of course, mean convincing the households of Southglenn to support and vote for such a tax. Kathy Turley our councilwoman attended the meeting, and we have had advice from the City of Centennial. In the meantime, we will support the club's fundraiser to meet immediate needs. Thanks to Pat Benhmida and Dale Rottschafer for the time and effort they have put into researching possible ways to save our Southglenn Country Club as an asset for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary

## Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association

September 20, 2017

Linda Nixon, Southglenn Civic Assoc., chairperson, called the joint meeting of Southglenn and Southwind civic associations to order at 7:05. Southglenn board members present were Dale Rottschafer, treasurer, Dora Cash, secretary, Harriet Lorence, Pat Benhmida, Sue Seitz, and Alia Andrews.

The first order of business was to hear a presentation on Sertoma's Fundraiser for Hearing Health on September 30<sup>th</sup> at Southglenn Country Club at 10:00. Then Alia introduced C.J. Whelan from District 4 who is running for Mayor of Centennial. He spoke to the issue of traffic congestion as well as well-planned development as important items that need to be considered as Centennial moves forward.

After these two speakers, we moved to a consideration of our October Open Forum on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. The two topics chosen were to hear about South Suburban's proposals for improvements to the parks system without increasing taxes and to have both mayoral candidates, Stephanie Piko and C.J. Whelan, present their candidacies to citizens. We plan to host South Suburban and the mayoral candidates first. Then for Southglenn residents only there will be a discussion of what can be done about the financial straits of the Southglenn Country Club.

Dates to remember:

November 14<sup>th</sup> is the annual meeting of the Southglenn Country Club

November 15<sup>th</sup> will be the volunteer dinner for the Southglenn Civic Assoc.

December 16<sup>th</sup> will be cookies and Santa at Whole Foods

Other business: Dale and Pat are working on ordering our Southglenn welcome bags for families moving into Southglenn. Bags will have information (possibly a brochure) on the civic association, the country club, coupons, etc.

We are still working on what can be done to resolve the financial woes of the Country Club. There will be another meeting of the brainstorming group which will meet at the Southglenn library. If we move to form a special recreation district funded by residents, we must take action by April 30<sup>th</sup> in order to have a vote on this proposal.

The Civic Association will meet again in January after the holidays.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary

## **Southglenn Civic Association - Open Forum**

**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The Southglenn Civic Association hosts an Open Forum in October to present information about topics that are of interest to Southglenn residents. These past two years we have had joint forums with Southwind, a neighboring civic association. So there were residents from both neighborhoods present.

We opened the Forum with presentations by the two individuals running for mayor of Centennial – Stephanie Piko and C.J. Whelan. Residents then posed questions to the candidates. Then, we had a brief presentation by Kathy Turley who is running unopposed in District 1.

After those presentations, any residents, who wished, could remain and listen to a report on the possibility of a Special Recreation District for Southglenn for the purpose of keeping the Southglenn Country Club from closing its doors. Pat Benhmida and Dale Rottschafer who had already hosted some brainstorming sessions to discuss what could be done to help the Country Club, presented the pros and cons of a Special Recreation District being created for Southglenn which would ensure a continuous source of funds for the Country Club and allow for repayment of notes and upgrades to the facilities. This would require residents being willing to donate monies to go through the process of putting a Special Recreation District to a vote of residents to pay the necessary taxes to fund the SRD. After questions and answers, those present voted to have the Civic Association proceed with promoting the formation of an SRD.

At this time, we also discussed the fact that no one from the Southglenn neighborhood was running for the Country Club Board which means residents would have no voice on the Board. Todd Dreiling and Dr. Kelsey Haddock stepped up and volunteered to put their names in nomination for a seat on the Country Club Board since they are Country Club members. This concluded the Open Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, Civic Association secretary